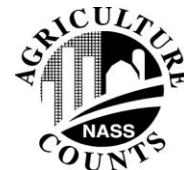




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Louisiana Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during June totaled 500,000 pounds, unchanged from the previous month and the same as the previous year.

There were 400 head of **cattle** slaughtered during June, down 100 head from May and down 200 head from the previous year. Average live weight was 761 pounds, down 13 pounds from the previous month but 23 pounds above June 2009. Total live weight, at 325,000 pounds, was down seven percent from the previous month and 27 percent below the previous year.

Calves slaughtered during June totaled 500 head, up 100 head from the previous month and the previous year. Live weight averaged 528 pounds, down five pounds from May but 22 pounds above a year ago. Total live weight, at 246,000 pounds, was up seven percent from May and 37 percent above the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during June totaled 800 head, unchanged from the previous month but 100 head below the previous year. Average live weight was 189 pounds, up ten pounds from May 2010, but two pounds below the previous year. Total live weight was 149,000 pounds, up six percent from May but 16 percent below the previous year.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during June was 300 head, unchanged from the previous month but 200 head below the previous year. Live weight averaged 63 pounds, up three pounds from the previous month and one pound above the previous year.

United States Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.2 billion pounds in June, up slightly from the 4.2 billion pounds produced in June 2009.

June 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and four Saturdays. **June 2009** contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.3 billion pounds, was one percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.1 million head, up two percent from June 2009. The average live weight was down eight pounds from the previous year, at 1,261 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.8 million pounds, seven percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 68,600 head, down 11 percent from June 2009. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from last year, at 269 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.8 billion pounds, down one percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.0 million head, down one percent from June 2009. The average live weight was up two pounds from the previous year, at 271 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.1 million pounds, was up two percent from June 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 212,000 head, five percent above last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, down three pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2010 commercial red meat production was 23.9 billion pounds, down two percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year; veal was down three percent; pork was down three percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down two percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Red Meat Production

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	May	June		January – June		June		January – June	
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
-----Number, thousand head-----									
Cattle	0.5	0.6	0.4	3.8	2.7	2,981.5	3,050.5	16,579.1	16,850.5
Calves	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.9	2.6	77.3	68.6	449.2	434.2
Hogs	0.8	0.9	0.8	6.6	5.9	9,182.3	9,044.7	55,575.3	53,700.2
Sheep & Lambs	0.3	0.5	0.3	2.2	1.8	202.8	212.0	1,206.5	1,212.7
-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----									
Cattle	351	446	325	2,813	2,092	3,772,664	3,835,502	21,275,145	21,293,068
Calves	229	180	246	990	1,442	19,243	18,226	115,487	111,817
Hogs	141	177	149	1,335	1,143	2,470,661	2,449,389	15,069,649	14,570,217
Sheep & Lambs	18	29	21	143	128	27,685	28,283	168,223	165,377
-----Average live weight, pounds-----									
Cattle	774	738	761	740	775	1,269	1,261	1,288	1,268
Calves	533	506	528	521	555	251	269	260	261
Hogs	179	191	189	202	194	269	271	271	272
Sheep & Lambs	60	62	63	65	71	137	134	140	137
-----Million pounds-----									
Red Meat	0.5	0.5	0.5	3.3	3.0	4,162.1	4,177.0	24,305.6	23,857.1

July 1 Cattle Inventory Down Slightly

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2010, totaled 100.8 million head, one percent below the 102.0 million on July 1, 2009.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.8 million, were down one percent from July 1, 2009.

- **Beef cows**, at 31.7 million, were down two percent from July 1, 2009.
- **Milk cows**, at 9.1 million, were down one percent from July 1, 2009.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2010, and the changes from July 1, 2009, are as follows:

- **All heifers** 500 pounds and over, 16.1 million, down one percent.
- **Beef replacement heifers**, 4.4 million, down two percent.
- **Milk replacement heifers**, 4.1 million, up three percent.
- **Other heifers**, 7.7 million, down one percent.
- **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.3 million, down one percent.
- **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.
- **Calves under 500 pounds**, 27.5 million, down one percent.
- **All cattle and calves** on feed for slaughter, 12.0 million, up three percent.

Louisiana and United States Cattle and Calf Inventories

Class	Louisiana ¹	United States		
	Jan. 1, 2010	July 1, 2009	July 1, 2010	2010 as a percent of 2009
	-----Thousand Head-----			Percent
All Cattle and Calves	840	102,000	100,800	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	520	41,400	40,800	99
Beef Cows	499	32,200	31,700	98
Milk Cows	21	9,200	9,100	99
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	115	16,200	16,100	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	82	4,500	4,400	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	7	3,950	4,050	103
Other Heifers	16	7,750	7,650	99
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	21	14,400	14,300	99
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	32	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	162	27,900	27,500	99
Calf Crop ²	400	35,819	35,400	99

¹ July 1 estimates are not published for Louisiana.

² For the U.S., the 2010 calf crop is all calves born before July 1, 2010, plus the number expected to be born on or after July 1.

Foodfish Inventory Numbers Down 13 Percent from a Year Ago

Catfish operations in the three major producing States (Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi) had 212 million foodsize fish on hand on July 1, 2010, down 13 percent from the July 1, 2009, total of 243 million foodsize fish. The breakouts of foodsize fish inventory numbers on July 1, 2010, with their respective percent change from the previous year were: large foodsize, 6.4 million fish, down three percent; medium foodsize, 61.3 million fish, down six percent; and small foodsize, 144 million fish, down 16 percent.

The three major states also had 466 thousand broodfish on hand on July 1, 2010, down 12 percent from last year's 530 thousand broodfish.

The number of large stockers on hand on July 1, 2010, totaled 166 million fish, down 28 percent from the 231 million fish on hand a year ago. There were 169 million small stockers, down 22 percent from last year. Producers had 805 million fingerlings and fry on hand on July 1, 2010.

Water Acres Down 15 Percent

The water surface area to be used for catfish production during July 1 through December 31, 2010, totaled 95 thousand acres, down 15 percent from a year ago. Acres used for foodsize fish totaled 79.2 thousand acres, down 15 percent from the same time period in 2009. Acres for broodfish decreased 16 percent to 1.9 thousand acres, and acres used for fingerling production decreased 15 percent to 12.5 thousand acres. Acres taken out of production during the January 1, 2010, through June 30, 2010, period totaled 6.6 thousand acres, while 1.6 thousand acres of the total in production were scheduled to be renovated from July 1, 2010, to December 31, 2010. The number of operations on July 1, 2010, in the three major states totaled 459, down 25 percent from last year's total of 613 operations.

Item	United States			
	Total Number		Total Live Weight	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	-----1,000 Fish-----		-----1,000 Pounds-----	
Broodfish	530	466	2,460	2,163
Large Foodsize	6,580	6,400	24,300	22,300
Medium Foodsize	65,200	61,270	124,300	115,400
Small Foodsize	170,900	144,300	170,400	141,300
Total Foodsize	242,680	211,970	319,000	279,000
Large Stockers	231,100	166,100	90,300	65,450
Small Stockers	215,900	169,100	21,150	16,240
Total Stockers	447,000	335,200	111,450	81,690
Fingerlings/Fry	882,600	805,200	14,530	10,900

July Farm Prices Received Index Up 4 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 143 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased five points from June. The Crop Index was up six points and the Livestock Index increased two points. Producers received higher prices for wheat, corn, lettuce and milk and lower prices for onions, strawberries, grapes and cantaloups. In addition to prices, the overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a three-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, grapes, hay and corn offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloups, potatoes and apples.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 13 points from July 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 143, increased five points from last month and 15 points from July 2009.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The July Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates was 182 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index was unchanged from June but four points above July 2009. Lower prices in July for diesel, feeder pigs, nitrogen and LP gas offset higher prices for feeder cattle, other services, concentrates and feed grains.

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Average Prices Received By Farmers

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	July 2009	June 2010	July 2010 ¹	July 2009	June 2010	July 2010 ¹
	Dollars			Dollars		
Soybeans, per bushel	2/	7.68	2/	10.80	9.45	9.79
Sorghum, per cwt	n/a	2/	2/	5.19	5.37	5.90
Rice, per cwt	12.00	13.30	12.60	14.20	12.90	12.90
Upland Cotton, per pound	.427	.662	.666 ³	.436	.676	.675 ³
Hay, all, baled, per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	116.00	114.00	112.00
Beef Cattle, per cwt ⁴	57.00	66.80	69.60	80.90	90.30	90.60
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	84.50	95.80	98.00	85.30	94.80	95.10
Cows, per cwt ⁵	42.90	53.80	55.00	47.30	57.80	58.40
Calves, per cwt	92.50	106.00	110.00	108.00	121.00	119.00
Broilers, live, per pound	n/a	n/a	n/a	.490	.510	.510
Eggs, All, per dozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	.708	.619	.708
Milk, All, per cwt ⁶	n/a	n/a	n/a	11.30	15.50	16.00

¹ Mid-month.

² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

³ Preliminary prices are based on sales during the first half of the month.

⁴ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

⁵ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

⁶ Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity and other premiums.

Excludes hauling subsidies.

n/a = not available.

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